

## Economic/Utilization Working Group – Forest Health Council 2011 Workplan

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### Executive Order Direction

The Forest Health Council shall continue to identify viable utilization strategies for restoration by-products that create jobs and revenue for rural communities across the state.

### Goal

The Economic and Utilization Working Group (E&U Working Group) will work to increase the amount and types of restoration by-products utilized within Arizona and the surrounding states, will identify the barriers inhibiting more private sector involvement/investment in landscape level restoration and potential solutions, and identify the incentives that are needed for wood product businesses to be successful and the barriers inhibiting landscape level restoration. The E & U Working Group will also look for opportunities to educate policy makers about the necessity of utilization.

### Work Plan

Review current incentives and grant opportunities that are available for wood product businesses.

Design survey for wood product businesses regarding current incentives and need for additional/new incentives as well as barriers and solutions to barriers

Provide presentation to Arizona Corporation Commission regarding Woody Biomass and its role in meeting Arizona Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff.

Identify wood products that are used within the state but are provided from out-of-state companies.

Review state procurement policies and understand how Arizona businesses can interact.

Identify challenges/opportunities related to encouraging utilization of locally-processed wood products.